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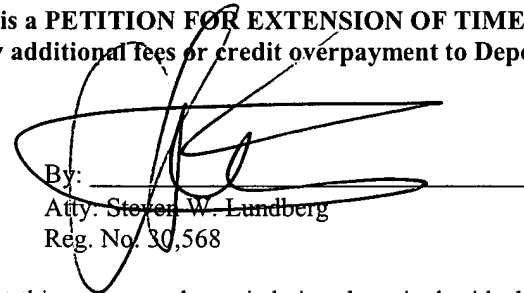
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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Applicant has reviewed the Notice of Non-compliant Amendment mailed on January 23, 2004. The Notice indicated that the claims of the amendment paper were not presented with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified; and “allowed” is an improper status identifier. In response to this Notice, Applicant has included a corrected version of the “IN THE CLAIMS” section of the amendment paper mailed on December 29, 2003.